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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lease out airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata to private parties on longterm basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the valuation of these airports has since been done;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a decision has also been taken about the commercial utilisation of vacant land at these airports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- It has been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long term lease. At present, the airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up for this exercise.The main reasons for this exercise are to bring the standard of services at par with international standards; to improve management culture, efficiency and overall productivity; to unlock the potential for economic benefits arising out of well-managed airports and to attract private investment required for achieving the above objectives.

(c) & (d) :- The valuation of these airports is part of the leasing process. However, valuation for the purpose of leasing is linked to detailed terms and conditions of the concession agreement which is part of a detailed process based on which final selection of lessee is to be decided.

(e) & (f) :- The commercial utilisation of vacant land, has been envisaged in the lease process, subject to restrictions for land use and after it is ensured that such land would not be required for aeronautical purposes.